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To: PUC-PUC <[PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us)>

Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Energy rate hike

My name is Deb Kopetsky I live in Newell and use Black Hills Energy because we do not have a choice. I ask that you please vote NO on the energy increase for BH Energy. It is time big business pays their own way just like the majority of the citizens in SD. It's not fair that the citizens have to make a choice to either buy food or pay the electric bill just so another big business can get a break on their electricity. Seems smaller electric companies do just fine without the huge increases, it's time BH Energy learns to do the same and live within their means. So please do the job you were elected to do and protect the citizen of South Dakota from big corporations looking to make big profits at our expense.

Sincerely

Deb Kopetsky

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